

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LIMA 05203 202215Z

70

ACTION ARA-20

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-11 INR-10 LAB-06

NSAE-00 RSC-01 SIL-01 OPR-02 NIC-01 DODE-00 PA-03

USIA-15 PRS-01 NSC-10 L-03 AID-20 XMB-07 RSR-01

OPIC-12 /125 W

----- 014327

R 202130Z JUL 73

FM AMEMBASSY LIMA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 6407

INFO AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO

C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMA 5203

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ELAB, PINT, PE

SUBJ: STRIKES AGAINST AMERICAN FIRMS

REF: LIMA 1167

SUMMARY: COPPER STRIKE ON AGAIN, OFF AGAIN; GRACE
CHEMICAL STRIKE CONTINUING WITH LOW-LEVEL VIOLENCE;
RADICAL MARXIST UNION LEADER RE-ENTERED COUNTRY TO TAKE
ASYLUM IN CHILEAN EMBASSY.

1. SOUTHERN PERU COPPER, WHICH HAS BEEN PARTIALLY SHUT
DOWN TWICE DURING PAST TWO WEEKS BY STRIKES, NOW
OPERATING NORMALLY EXCEPT FOR SMELTER AT ILO, WHICH
PARTLY SHUT DOWN AS RESULT CONTINUING STRIKE BY
TRANSPORT AND SERVICE EMPLOYEES. INDEPENDENT RADICAL
MARXIST VICTOR CUADROS' MINE WORKERS AT TOQUEPALA
CURRENTLY BACK ON JOB, BUT HAVE GIVEN NOTICE OF STRIKE
EFFECTIVE JULY 23 AS HAVE REMAINDER OF SMELTER WORKERS
AT ILO IN SAME UNION.

2. STRIKE AT GRACE/PARAMONGA CHEMICAL COMPLEX NORTH
OF LIMA HAS ENTERED ITS 25 DAY, WITH PLANT UNDER
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LIMA 05203 202215Z

HEAVY POLICE PROTECTION AFTER SMALL-SCALE VIOLENCE

INCLUDING A FEW MOLOTOV COCKTAILS. COMPANY INTENDING TO EXERCISE ITS LEGAL RIGHT TO FIRE SEVERAL DOZEN TROTSKYITE AND RADICAL COMMUNIST STRIKE LEADERS ON ITS BLACK LIST IF THEY DO NOT RETURN TO WORK BY JULY 23. PRINCIPAL UNION LEADERS UNDER ARREST. MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR AND LABOR ARE APPARENTLY FULLY BACKING COMPANY OVER PRINCIPAL STRIKE ISSUE INVOLVING UNIONIZATION OF GUARDS, BUT COMPANY HAS UNCONFIRMED INDICATION PRESIDENT'S OFFICER INTERVENING TO REVERSE MINISTRIES IN FAVOR OF STRIKERS.

3. INDUSTRY SOURCE INFORMED LABATT CHARISMATIC RADICAL MARXIST HERNAN CUENTAS ANCI, CUAJONE CONSTRUCTION WORKER LEADER AND BETE NOIRE OF SOUTHERN PERU COPPER, WHO WAS EXILED TO PANAMA ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO, ILLEGALLY RE-ENTERED COUNTRY ABOUT TEN DAYS AGO AND TOOK ASYLUM IN LOCAL CHILEAN EMBASSY, FROM WHICH HE HAS SENT VIOLENTLY ANTI-GOP LETTERS TO PRESS. GOP BELIEVED TO HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY AUTHORIZED HIS DEPARTURE FOR CHILE. PRESS HAS NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE PUBLISHED THESE LETTERS.

4. COMMENT: MINISTRIES OF INTERIOR AND LABOR HAVE RECENTLY CLEARLY TAKEN LINE MORE FAVORABLE TO COMPANIES IN THESE AND OTHER POLITICALLY MOTIVATED STRIKES, BUT THE UNCONFIRMED RUMOR OF INTERVENTION FROM VELASCO MAY REVERSE THAT LINE TO FORMER SITUATION WHERE GOP INEVITABLY SETTLED STRIKES AT EXPENSE OF FOREIGN COMPANIES.
BELCHER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LABOR STRIKES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 20 JUL 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: golinofr
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973LIMA05203
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS BELCHER
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: LIMA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19730721/aaaaaovs.tel
Line Count: 91
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 73 LIMA 1167
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 23 JAN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <23-Jan-2002 by martinml>; APPROVED <13 FEB 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: STRIKES AGAINST AMERICAN FIRMS
TAGS: ELAB, PINT, PE, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005